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SITREPS CORRESPONDENCE
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C.S.O.

Please see folio 19. The items from Economic Section
for inclusion in the SERAP are again overdue this week.

E.S.C.

22.2.45

D.H.

Thank you very much

for them are being sent
and then if this is the best
have to take further action

D.H.

C.S.O.

Attached letter (copy of folio 21) for signature if approved.

Office of the E.C.

D.H. 22.2.45 see folio 23.

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C.S.O.

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Letter to Economic Section & Civil Affairs Section attached
for A/Executive Commission if approved (folios 23 & 29 reph).

D.H. 22.2.45

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and then
 here to the Justice
 Dept.

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C.S.O.

Attached letter (copy of Feb 23) for signature if approved

Office of the Ex. C.

D.H. 23.00. See folder 23.

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30C.S.O.

Letters to Economic Section & Civil Affairs Section attached
 for A/Executive Commission if approved (files 38329 copy).

D.H. 30.00

33C.S.O.

Attached Signal (see 32) for signature if approved

D.H. 22/5/45

Not sent. Mr. Tactful of
 handled verbally when Ex
 came for Mat. 22/5/45

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We must alter radically our Sibref telegrams.

Our objective must be to give an overall picture as to what is happening in Italy - the inclusion of a mass of detail as to what Grosseto thinks & what is happening in Arezzo & how difficult vaccination is in Benvenuto & that there is no change in V^e & VIII Armies for the whole picture and really render the report (which is much too long) of little value.

I fully realise the difficulty but I have directed that our officer should do this by now - with help from PRB he should be able to get out something better.

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W. J. L. S.

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TO: C.S.O.

AM, Weekly Sitrep.

1. With reference to the comments by the CUS on the sitrep dated 11 January, as you know the preparation of this sitrep has never given me great satisfaction, but I have been unable to find a solution towards its betterment because of the sources of our information.
2. In order that our information shall be as up-to-date as possible we work on information which is signalled to us by Regions. Also information is provided by Civil Affairs Section, Economic Section, P.S.O. and Political Section. All these sources have had it impressed upon them repeatedly, both in writing and verbally, the purpose for which the information is required and what it should consist of, but the response is poor. There are only two Regions who normally produce any information worth repeating, i.e. SOUTHERN and TOSCANA Regions. SARDINIA Region will not provide information because the Regional Commissioner considers facts reported in a sitrep have a distorted value. SICILY Region report is worthless and it is seldom there is anything worthwhile in LAZIO-UMBRIA Region's sitrep. In Headquarters the political angle is generally faithfully reported and adequate though sometimes full items are provided by Civil Affairs Section, but it is always a scramble to obtain items from Economic Section.
3. The P.S.O. cannot be of great assistance in this matter since perusal of the weekly bulletin will show that he relies on the same sources for his information. The weekly bulletin merely being an elaboration of monthly reports, and weekly sitreps reproduced in the greater length possible in a document of that kind.
4. I have talked to Major Weidman of AM, Public Relations Branch. He is now located in HOME and receives a copy of the sitrep, but until recently he prepared reports based on the information that we provided. He tells me that AMHQ send a weekly sitrep to AGAR and TROOPERS in which is included information provided by AC, Basic News and one or two other minor sources. AMHQ's main requirement is that the information shall be factual and in this respect I understand that we have satisfied them. They naturally do not use all the items that we send and their main complaint is that we are not up-to-date. But this is inevitable when one is dealing with a weekly report. I do not think they are satisfied any more than I am, but I am given to understand that the items on which we work satisfy them.
5. Unless, or until, we can instill into Regional Commissioners and others an appreciation of what is required and how to set about it I cannot suggest action other than that which has already been taken, except that at one of his meetings CUS puts over his thoughts to this HQ and at the earliest possible moment talks to Regional Commissioners about it.

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13 Jan 45.
Office, Chief of Staff,
Ext 735.
Issue Draft
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C.S.O.
Letter, 150/15 COS is answer to letter at 14 is attached for signature.
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(SIGNED - See 16) Daily
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C.S.O. (EV 735)
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Ref: 150/38/30.

23 August 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Commissioner,
Naples Commune.

1. In future Routine Weekly Sitreps need not be sent but matters of special interest and importance will be reported by signal as and when they occur.
2. The regularity with which your sitreps have been sent and the information they have contained have been much appreciated.

[Signature]
Brigadir,
Executive Commissioner.

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PA *[Signature]*
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Tel: 384

Ref: 150/37/20.

21 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps.

TO : Civil Affairs Section
 Economic Section
 Communications Sub-Commission
 War Material Disposal & IPW Sub-Commission
 Navy Sub-Commission
 Land Forces Sub-Commission (MCA)
 Air Forces Sub-Commission
 Public Relations Branch

Routine weekly sitreps will not be submitted in future,
 but matters of special interest or importance will be reported to
 this office as and when they occur.

[Signature]
 Chief Staff Officer,
 To Executive Commissioner.

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 21/8/45
[Signature]

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 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 G-5 Section
 APO 512

PGAP/TGJ/lrf

H-2: 319.1-30

16 August 1945

SUBJECT: Sitreps

AUG 20 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.
APO 394.

19 AUG 1945

1. Reference is made to your 154/734/EC of 11 August.
2. It is agreed that the weekly Sitrep may be discontinued but the importance is stressed of this Headquarters being informed by Signal of special events as they arise.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

R. Parsons

R.O.A. PARSONS
 Colonel, G.S.

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(New Line)

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Ref: 154/734/32.

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Sitrep.

TO : G-5, ATD.

I am of the opinion that, while the weekly Sitrep entails much staff work, it has, in recent months, served very little purpose.

I recommend that in future only Monthly Reports & Sitreps on situations of special importance or gravity should be sent to you and that routine weekly sitreps should be discontinued. Your instructions are requested.

For the Chief Commissioner :

E. J. BOYD

✓ Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.See 36B/1
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16/16PA
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AMG FIVEARMY, AMG SIG, AMG IV CORPS, AMG 11 CORPS
 AMG LOMBARDIA, AMG LA, AMG PIEMONTE, AMG VENEZIA,
 AMG VENEZIA GIULIA, AMG EMILIA.

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9 June 1945

PRIORITY

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SUBJECT IS REPORTS AND SITREPS PD

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IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING ONLY ARE REQUIRED.

ONE PD MONTHLY REPORT LIMITED IF POSSIBLE TO FIVE FOOLSCAP PAGES TYPED
 ONE SIDE ONLY PD THIS REPORT TO BE IN TWO PARTS DASH PART ONE CMA WHICH SHOULD
 BE LIMITED IF POSSIBLE TO ONE FOOLSCAP PAGE TYPED ON ONE SIDE ONLY CMA BEING
 A SUMMARY OF THE IMPORTANT POINTS OF PART TWO PD THIS REPORT TO REACH THIS HQ
 QUIN BY THE FIFTEENTH OF EACH MONTH PD TWO PD SPECIAL SIGNALIZED SITREPS ON
 IMPORTANT OR ABNORMAL SITUATIONS OF A NON ROUTINE NATURE PD THEY SHOULD BE
 BRIEF PD

VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE EXCELLENT REPORTS AND SITREPS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
 HERE SINCE LIBERATION OF NORTH BUT IN VIEW OF IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS AND
 MORE FREQUENT VISITORS FEEL WE CAN SAVE YOU THE TIME AND LABOUR EXPENDED *20845*
 THESE REPORTS

Original in so/pc

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 Econ. Sec.
 C.A. Sec

Office of the Executive Commissioner

1st. Col.
 G. S. C.

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 BE SENT IF ANY UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OR SITUATIONS OCCUR PD WEEKLY SITTINGS WILL ARRIVE
 AT THIS HEADQUARTERS NOT LATER THAN ONE TWO ZERO ONE HOURS ON WEDNESDAY OF EACH
 WEEK

COPY to (BY H.S.)

AND Firenze Region.

Office of Exec Coordinator

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15 ARMY GROUP RPTED FIVE ARMY BATTALIONS AND TOSCANA REGION AND EMILIA REGION
AND LOMBARDIA REGION

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15 May 45

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AND EMILIA REGION AND LOMBARDIA REGION AND TOSCANA REGION AND EMILIA REGION
AND LOMBARDIA REGION FROM HQ ALONG WITH ARMY BATTALIONS

SOURCES SHOULD NOT REPORT NOT BE CLASSIFIED SECRET UNLESS REPORTING POLITICAL
OR MILITARY MATTERS BUT SHOULD BE SENT IN CLEAR BY ANY MEANS

Dist. to HQ

AND Piemonte Region
" Lombardia Region

Office of Executive Commissioner

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J.O.A.

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Ref: 150/29/33.

Ref: 735

30 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO: Civil Affairs Section.

Reference 150/26/33. of 15 March 45, information received from your Section has been of the greatest assistance in the compilation of the Weekly Sitrep.

Major E. Talbot

Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER,
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

DATE: 17TH MARCH, 1945.

REF: AFSC/42/AIR.

MAR 17 1945

The Air Forces Sub-Commission has little opportunity to obtain interesting information on conditions in Italy for the Civil Affairs Committee. Our work is almost entirely operational with the Italian Air Force. However, if we do obtain any information that we think interesting or important, it will be forwarded immediately.

Ramp Air Forces S/C 9 asked
them to furnish a new report
when they have no information of
importance. 21/3

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William B. Buecarlet

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUECARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Folio 26 refers

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 396, U.S. Army

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8 March 1945

MAR 10 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 396, Attention: Maj. Talbot.

1. Reference your letter 150/23/SS dated 2 March 1945.
2. In answer to your letter and confirmation of our verbal explanation on 1 March, this Sitrep was late due to the lack of information. However, should this condition prevail again, negative reports will be issued.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Lawrence E. Kearin
LAWRENCE E. KEARIN
Capt., Inf.,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION
A. C.

Handwritten signature

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REGISTRATION CLERK COMMISSION
 100 304
 Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Tel : 478201

2 March 1945

Ref/150/21/50.

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitrops.

To : Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region.

Reference par 150/17/303 of 3 February. Your weekly Sitrops are STILL arriving over twenty-four hours late. The time of ONSET of your Sitrops for the week ending Wednesday 23 February was 1603 hrs on Thursday 1 March. Please explain.

Sgd E. Talbot
 Brigadier
 Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
IED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

14 Feb 45.

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SUBJECT : SITREP Reports.

TO : HQ, AC.

FEB 18 1945

1. Reference your 150/18/005 dated 10 Feb 45.
2. The several moves of this HQ have rendered Signal facilities difficult, which explains the delay. Arrangements have, however, been completed during the past few days which will, it is hoped, obviate any recurrence.

For the Regional Commissioner:

D. I. L. Findlay.

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J. Couch. A. L. S.

D. M. FINDLAY,
Junior Comdr, A.T.S.,
Acting Adjutant.

GM/ac.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMBATS
AFC 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 735

Ref: 825/136/80

17 February 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps and Monthly Reports.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Serious inconvenience and delay is being caused by the failure of your Section to render Weekly Sitreps and Monthly Reports on time.
2. Please see 60/347/CA of 8 September 1944 in which it states that items of interest for inclusion in the Weekly Sitrep to AFHQ must be rendered on WEDNESDAY of each week. In the case of Monthly Reports, 825/125/CXS of 4 January 1945 para 5 states that all abridged versions of reports will be submitted not later than the 15th of every month.
3. Valuable time is continually being wasted by telephone calls and visits having to be made to your Section reminding you that the items for the Sitrep or Monthly Report are overdue.
4. It is requested that you will take immediate steps to ensure that in future your Sitreps and Monthly Reports arrive on time.

(2nd) E TALBOT MAT

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: 150/80 File.

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Tel : 478204

10 Feb 1945

Ref/150/18/CCS.

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Regional Commissioner, TOSJARA Region.

1. Your attention is drawn to 60/DA of 12th August 1944 in which it states :

" Generally speaking, weekly sitreps provided by Regions in the past have fulfilled the purpose for which they were intended, but from time to time there have been occasions when the sitrep has been overlooked or has arrived late. To obviate this I ask you to note in your diary that we need your sitrep at this HQ by 12 noon on Wednesday of each week, and to ensure that it is despatched in time you should verify the time allowance necessary for the transmission of signals between your HQ and ours".

2. For the past two weeks, Sitreps have been arriving over twentyfour hours late. Would you please look into the matter and ensure that in future signals arrive on time.

(Signature)
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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(Signature)

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Tel : 473204

8 Feb 1945

Ref/150/17/003.

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitreps.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

1. Your attention is drawn to 63/CA of 12th August 1944 in which it states :

" Generally speaking, weekly sitreps provided by Regions in the past have fulfilled the purpose for which they were intended, but from time to time there have been occasions when the sitrep has been overlooked or has arrived late. To obviate this I ask you to note in your diary that we need your sitrep at this HQ by 12 noon on Wednesday of each week, and to ensure that it is despatched in time you should verify the time allowance necessary for the transmission of signals between your HQ and ours. "

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 150/15/008

Tel: 478201

3 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
SICILIA Region.

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With reference to your HQ/319.1 of 31 January 1945, in future you are required to work under the same headings as before but ignore the actual code letters and phraseology. I am sorry there has been any misunderstanding over letter 150/13/008 of 17 Jan 45.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

OFFICE: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
PHONE: 15335 EXT 1

FILE:RC/SLW.1

31 Jan 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
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With reference to your 150/15/003 of 17 JAN 45 the manner in which the Weekly Sitrep is required in future is not clear.

Weekly Sitreps are rendered by this Headquarters in accordance with AMO/SLW.1 of 4 JAN 44. These instructions direct that the Sitrep is to be rendered under a code system which orders words such as "situation satisfactory" or "no change" and lays down that the code system is to be strictly adhered to.

Will you please say if the code system and the instructions given in the above mentioned letter are cancelled?

M. Canby

M. CANBY
Lieutenant
Regional Commissioner

See 15

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2 FEB 1945
A. C.

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Ref. 130/ 13 /005.

17 January 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Airway.

1. Regional Commission are,
 Sicily, Sardegna, Lazio-Umbria,
 Southern, Abruzzi-Marche and Toscana Regions.

1. With one or two exceptions the weekly airway from Regions is now reaching us punctually and contains much that is suitable for onward transmission to AEC.

2. However, I do not think we have yet attained the ideal form of report for AEC.

3. Our aim should be to give an overall picture of what is happening in Italy, an object difficult to achieve when the material consists merely of a number of news items. Neither does the style of wording "situation satisfactory" or "no change" meet the case.

4. I suggest it is best conveyed by taking a survey of the week's news and work in your Region and then setting down in a few words your impressions on one or more subjects. You may be assisted in this from time to time by your own observations or from the reports of such of your officers who may just have completed a tour of your Region. I must emphasize, however, that it is not an expression of opinion that is required. Like all reports this must be factual and if a deduction is made it must be based on facts.

5. In addition to the above I still want you to include important and interesting items under the usual headings, the value of which is considerable.

6. If there is some point on which you are not clear, or if what I am asking presents any particular difficulty, I should be glad to hear from you so that I may be able to give you further assistance.

For info: Piemonte
 Liguria
 Lombardia
 Venetia
 Emilia Regions.

Brigadier,
 Chief of Staff.

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Requirement (a)	Pros (b)	SITREPS TO AFHQ Cons (c)
To present an overall picture of conditions in ITALY each week.	This is the ideal but by itself it would not satisfy. It requires the addition of news items in an attempt not only to satisfy an ever present need but to anticipate a demand for verification of some items which has appeared in the Allied Press.	(a) AFHQ says the report must be factual. A R.C. obtains his information from CAO's and Provinces. There is the danger that in an endeavour to satisfy HQ he will express an opinion on matter placed before him which will not be factual and may be unsound. (b) Mentalities and conditions vary and except on certain fundamental matters there are likely to be divergent views expressed as between Regions. There are reports on file which are coloured throughout by some trouble of the moment e.g. 300 gr ration, shortage of transport and in the past, shortage of personnel. (c) Only after a tour of the Region by the R.C. or a responsible delegate would it be possible to obtain a good overall picture. This probably occurs at infrequent intervals.

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Requirement (a)	Pros (b)	Cons (c)
To continue the present method of factual reporting. Special sitreps.	(a) This is what AFHQ ask for. (b) A trend does appear. For example difficulties in ROME were apparent, shortage of transport is still reported, difficulty of communications at this time of year, localities of outbreaks of disease, etc. Necessary that high formation should be informed quickly when any special conditions exist, such as serious disorders or national catastrophes.	(a) The reporting by Regions is not well done. (b) Unlike a sitrep on a battle where new and unexpected situations constantly arise, that produced in Regions deals with possibly slow moving event and matters the interest of which becomes lost to the immediate onlooker in the daily routine. (c) By the time they reach us news items may be a week or more old

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Phone:
478201

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Ref/60/ /CA.

8 September 44.

SUBJECT: AMHQ Sitrep.

TO : Admin. Section.
Hoon. Section.

PL 60/CA

1. On Thursday of each week this Branch prepares a situation report for AMHQ.
2. This sitrep, a copy of which is attached for information, contains a review of AOC activity for the week, and is largely based on information obtained from Regions.
3. It is thought that its value and interest would be increased by the inclusion of more items from this HQ, so that if on Wednesday of each week you will pass on anything noteworthy it will be included.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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RE 5L110

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Ref is attached for ETC signature

On seeing it we told him the
last sentence added by you
given was impressive. Given
sentence not inserted after both
is the comment?

2. I include letters for Ray T
& Z but these should be
marked for ref only at
present

Add

[2nd copy] a note. The 10th draft the
information on seeing should be incorporated
in the new draft.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Phone:
478201

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12 August 1944.

TO: R.C.'s I - IX & "Z"
P.C. FOGGIA Province.

The subject of weekly telegraphed sitreps has come under review by AFHQ. Those we have been supplying based on information provided in your weekly sitrep have been of great value but a modification in the timing and contents of the sitrep is desired.

ADC HQ is now required to submit a weekly sitrep to AFHQ by 12 noon on Friday of each week and its purpose is to give Allied Governments in London and Washington, and SHAEF, a factual and up-to-date report of progress during the past week, covering the main events both political and otherwise.

The use of the code system will be continued as it ensures an orderly and uniform presentation of information and is now familiar to all, but it will be realized that to fulfill the requirements of para.2 something more than the bald comment "satisfactory" or "causing anxiety" is needed. I appreciate that there cannot always be items of news value in all phases of our work but if you will keep in mind the additional purposes for which your report is needed I am sure it will convey what is required. You should include items likely to be of interest in Allied countries together with information on anything which might possibly be the subject of political questions.

Generally speaking, weekly sitreps provided by Regions in the past have fulfilled the purpose for which they were intended, but from time to time there have been occasions when the sitrep has been overlooked or has arrived late. To obviate this I ask you to note in your diary that we need your sitrep at this HQ by 12 noon on Wednesday of each week, and to ensure that it is despatched in time you should verify the time allowance necessary for the transmission of signals between your HQ and ours.

The new system of sitreps will be instituted on Wednesday, 23rd August. This should give you sufficient time to put it into effect. Sitreps between now and then may be omitted with the exception of reports of grain collection, which should be sent in up till 20th August. After the 20th August the information on grain should be incorporated in the new sitreps.

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APPENDIX "A"

Y FOR CITREN

| REGION and NUMBER: | MONTH - Usual abbreviation | PERIOD |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|
| <u>SUBJECT</u> | <u>CODE - NUMBER</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
| POLITICAL | ONE | Peeling; tendencies |
| FOOD | TWO | Available to cover next period, etc. |
| SUPPLY | THREE | All supplies including food. |
| CRIME | FOUR | Summarized police report, inc. agencies. |
| HEALTH | FIVE | Spec. ref. to notifiable diseases. |
| PERSONNEL | SIX | Staff matters, sickness, etc. |
| REFUGEES | SEVEN | Inc. Displaced Persons |
| PRICE TENDENCIES | EIGHT | Rises & falls affecting inflation questions |
| GENERAL COMMENTS | NINE | To be sent in clear and kept short as possible. |

CODE LETTER

ABLE
BAKER
CHARLIE
DOG
EASY
FOX

OVERALL COMMENT

GOOD
SATISFACTORY
CAUSING ANXIETY
BAD
NO CHANGE
SPECIAL REMARKS

CODE LETTER

PERIOD COVERED

(To be sent in clear)

WILLIAM

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Spec. ref. to notifying
ble diseases.

Staff matters, sick-
ness, etc.

Inc. Displaced Persons

Rises & falls affect-
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To be sent in clear a
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SIX

SEVEN

EIGHT

NINE

CODE LETTER

ABLE
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EASY
FOX

(To be sent in clear)

CODE LETTER

WILLIAM
KRAY
YONE
ZEBRA

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PERSONNEL

REFUGES

PRICE TENDENCIES

GENERAL COMMENTS

OVERALL COMMENT

GOOD
SATISFACTORY
CAUSING ANXIETY
BAD
NO CHANGE
SPECIAL REMARKS

PERIOD COVERED

DAY 1 to Day 7

Day 8 to Day 14

Day 15 to Day 21

Day 22 to end month

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APPENDIX "B"SITUATION SITREP CABLE

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SITREP REGION ONE J.M. WILLIAM IS ONE CHARLIE TWO BAKER THREE DOG FOUR EASY FIVE BAKER FOX FIVE EPIDEMIO WHEN CENTRAL NO NEW TYPHUS CASES REPORTED SIX EASY FOX REQUIRE POOL ONE ZERO OFFICERS TWO ZERO IN RPT LAST WEEK FOR RELINE SICKNESS AND LAST FULL REQUIREMENTS FOLLOW LASTEN SEVEN CHARLIE FOX RATE FIVE IN DOWN TO ONE FIVE ZERO DAILY SATURATION POINT NEARLY REACHED SPECIAL REPORT SENT THREE J.M. OUR LAST EIGHT EASY HERE WILL

APPENDIX "C"TRANSLATION OF SITREP

Situation report Region I for period 1-7 January.

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Political | - Continuing anxiety |
| Food | - Satisfactory |
| Supply | - Bad |
| Crime | - No change |
| Health | - Satisfactory - Special remarks.
Influenza epidemic under control. No new typhus cases reported. |
| Personnel | - No change - special remarks - Requires pool of 10 officers and 20 enlisted men for relief of sickness and to allow rest periods. Details of full requirements follow by letter. |
| Refugees | - Continuing anxiety - special remarks - Rate of flow in |

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APPENDIX "C"

TRANSLATION OF SITREP

Situation report Region I for period 1-7 January.

- Political
 - Causing anxiety
- Food
 - Satisfactory
- Supply
 - Good
- Crime
 - No change
- Health
 - Satisfactory - Special remarks.
Influenza epidemic under control. No new typhus cases reported.
- Personnel
 - No change - special remarks - Require pool of 10 officers and 20 enlisted men for relief of sickness and to allow rest periods. Details of full requirements follow by letter.
- Refugees
 - Causing anxiety - special remarks - Rate of flow in down to 150 daily. Saturation point nearly reached. Special report was sent on this subject 3 January.
- General Comments - Nil

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TO : PATINA FOR JOYCE
PARCO, PABLE FOR JAVIER
PILOT FOR AMO
ORIG NO: 20464

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FOR 0458A.07

THE REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COUNCIL WASHINGTON AND LONDON FOR INFORMATION ON
ITALIAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AND GENERAL SITUATION REQUIRE REGULAR
REPORTS TO THESE HEADQUARTERS. THE REPORTS WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:
ONE. A WEEKLY SITREP SENT BY CABLE TO REACH THESE HEADQUARTERS ON THE
EIGHT, FIFTEENTH, TWENTY SECOND, AND LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH.
TWO. A MONTHLY REPORT SENT BY AIR COURIER TO ARRIVE ON THE 22 ND OF EACH
MONTH COVERING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR MONTH BY MONTH OF
DECEMBER. ONE REPORT TO BE INCLUDED IN ALL REPORTS.
MONTHLY AMFA REPORT TO FORM A ONLY TO ADD REPORT. VEHICLE PERSONNEL AND
TOWAGE REPORTS TO CONTINUE TO BE SENT AS ALREADY LAID DOWN.
TOWAGE REPORTS TO CONTINUE TO BE SENT AS ALREADY LAID DOWN.
25 COPIES OF MONTHLY REPORTS REQUIRED. SUITABLE PROFORMA SHOULD BE WORKED
OUT AND MAINTAINED. FIRST SITREP TO REACH HERE EIGHT JANUARY.

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